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## INTRODUCTION.

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This little sketch has been prepared by a committee of the survivors of Co. E, 20th N. C. Regiment, at the request of the survivors of the company.

To B. B. Carr, mainly, is due the credit of its preparation. To his retentive memory and his unwearied efforts in obtaining information from members of the company and from other sources, is due the completeness and correctness of this sketch.

It is published with the desire to preserve to future generations a record, though incomplete, of the services of this company in defence of what they believed to be their rights.

The lapse of time and the removal—by death, disability and capture—of so many members of the original company from the active scene of operations has prevented the obtaining of information as full as desired of the services of the company during the latter part of the war.

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## HISTORY OF COMPANY E, 20TH N. C. REGIMENT.

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### CONFEDERATE GREYS.

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Among the first troops that offered their services to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, was a company composed largely of the students of Franklin Military Institute, situated six miles east of Faison, of which institute C. B. Denson was the principal.

This company was organized at Faison on the 16th day of April, 1861, and elected C. B. Denson, Captain; R. P. James, 1st Lieutenant; L. T. Hicks, 2nd Lieutenant; and L. W. Hodges, 3rd Lieutenant, and was called the "Confederate Greys."

This company went in camp at Franklin Institute, and was quickly recruited to its full quota from the young men of the surrounding community, and was drilled in a regular course of military tactics. During this time the ladies in the vicinity of Franklin and Faison with patriotic zeal labored in the school building early and late to equip the company with uniforms, underwear, blankets, and camp equipage without cost to the State, the funds to supply the same being donated by the citizens of the Franklin and Faison communities. The farmers of the communities furnished provisions to the soldiers in camp while they were being drilled and disciplined to the stern realities of the life of a soldier.

About the first of May the Company received orders for active duty. Camp was struck and amid many sad farewells, tears and cheers, the company boarded the cars at Faison and was transported to Fort Johnston, Smithville, N. C., now known as Southport, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, below Wilmington, N. C.

About the 20th day of June, 1861, this Company and other